

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Claims 1, 3, and 16 have been amended. Claims 7, 13, 15, and 17-19 were previously withdrawn from consideration. The specification has been amended. The drawings have been amended. Support for the claim amendments can be found at least at ¶¶ [003]-[005] and [012] of the specification. Thus, claims 1-6, 8-12, 14, and 16 remain pending in the present application. In light of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all presently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

II. THE DRAWING OBJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) for failing to show “the walls converge downwards in a manner of a funnel,” as recited in claim 11. In view of the amendment to Fig. 2 showing this feature, the withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

III. THE 35 U.S.C. § 112 REJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 9-11 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. In view of the amendments to these claims, the withdrawal of this rejection should be withdrawn.

IV. THE 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) REJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claims 1-5, 8, 12, 14, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Gobush et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,001,971).

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, “[a] window lift system, comprising: a pulling device; *a single catch for a window pane*, the catch being moved up and down by the pulling device, the catch having (i) a first fastening point for an upwardly pulling end of the pulling device and (ii) a second fastening point for a downwardly pulling end of

the pulling device, *the second fastening point being horizontally off-set from the first fastening point in the window pane plane for transferring a torque to the window pane when the window pane is fitted, wherein the motion of the catch is solely dictated by the upwardly pulling end and the downwardly pulling end of the pulling device*; and a positioning arrangement positioning and fixing the catch in respect of at least three degrees of freedom such that the catch is kept in a position defined in respect of said degrees of freedom even when the window pane is not fitted.”

Gobush discloses a unit window regulator assembly that comprises two elongated elevator channels (45) that receive a window (43). (See Gobush, col. 2, ll. 11-14). Each elevator channel (45) has a flange (49) with an aperture (51) “to receive and to be slidably and guidably mounted upon the corresponding window guide rod 37 for controlled translation upward and downward movements.” (See Id., ll. 15-19). In contrast, in the present application, the window pane of the amended claim 1 is held by *a single catch*. The purpose of a single catch is to exert a torque on the window pane via the single catch. As disclosed in the present application, this torque serves to press the window pane against a guiding edge (11) in order to guide the window pane and avoid jamming. (See Specification, ¶¶ [003]-[005], [012]). Such a torque would not be possible in Gobush because one elevator channel would compensate for the torque created, if any, by the other elevator channel. Accordingly, the two elevator channels (45) of Gobush are structurally different than the *single catch* of the claimed invention.

Furthermore, amended claim 1 recites that *the motion of the catch is solely dictated by the upwardly pulling end and the downwardly pulling end of the pulling device*. In contrast, Gobush discloses two guide rods (37) which are used to guide the elongated elevator channels (45) along a specific path of motion. (See Gobush, col. 2, ll. 15-19, Fig. 1). Gobush fails to disclose or suggest that the motion of the elevator channels is solely dictated by control cables 67 and 77. Accordingly, Gobush teaches away from “*the motion of the catch is solely dictated by the upwardly pulling end and the downwardly pulling end of the pulling device*,” as recited in claim 1. Therefore,

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-5, 8, 12, 14, and 16 are allowable over Gobush.

V. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Gobush in view of Thomas (U.S. Patent No. 5,992,099). Claims 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Gobush in view of Evulich (U.S. Patent No. 2,015,622).

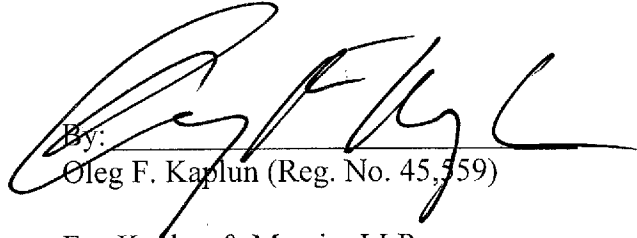
Applicants respectfully submit that neither Thomas nor Evulich cure the deficiencies of Gobush and that Gobush, Thomas, and Evulich, taken alone or in any combination, fail to disclose or suggest “*a single catch for a window pane*” and “*the motion of the catch is solely dictated by the upwardly pulling end and the downwardly pulling end of the pulling device,*” as recited in claim 1. Because claims 6 and 9-11 depend on and, therefore, contain all of the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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